



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

March 18, 2004

Hobbs

PRESENT: Acting Chairman Sylvia Hobbs, Commissioners Carol Clemett, Dennis Casey, and Andy Stefan.

EXCUSED: Jake Donoghue.

GUESTS: Town Planner, Mona Green; Walter Scott

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK: Betsy Donworth

Acting Chairman Sylvia Hobbs called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: Commissioner Clemett moved to approve the January 15, 2004 minutes as corrected. Commissioner Casey seconded. Motion approved.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF BAV TREE ORDINANCE: The Planning Commission has been asked to look into the possibility of developing an ordinance regulating the removal of trees on private property in Beaux Arts. Walter Scott presented his thoughts on what needs to be addressed in such an ordinance; focusing on the issue of what controls should be placed on private property, and should the ordinance be designed to prevent homeowners from cutting trees or advocate cutting trees. Commissioner Stefan pointed out the need to adhere to the Village's Comprehensive Plan when designing the ordinance. Planner Green distributed copies of plans that have been passed in Hunts Point and Mercer Island. She gave a brief overview of how the issue of protecting trees has been dealt with in these towns. Discussion will continue on this subject at future meetings.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Planner Green presented the revised Comprehensive Plan, which she has modified with suggestions made at recent planning commission meetings. Mona will make some final changes to the plan, after which it will be submitted to the Town Council for review at their April meeting. Discussion continued on the time line for approving the Comp Plan. There will be a public hearing at the planning commission at their April 22, 2004 meeting. After the plan receives approval, it will need to be sent to a number of state agencies for their approval. The final plan needs to be approved by December 2004.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on April 22 at Andy Stefan's house.

Approved 3/18/04 Planning Commission Minutes

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Donworth
Deputy Town Clerk